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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from September 13, 2006 to March 13, 2007.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 9 of this paper.

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